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ANTIBODIES SPECIFIC TO S.
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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 714.09 and prior to the examination of the above captioned United States patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Title:

Delete the title and substitute the following therefor: DNA MOLECULES AND RECOMBINANT DNA MOLECULES FOR PRODUCING HUMANIZED MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES TO S. MUTANS.

In the Specification: at line 16, after "continuation-in-part" insert: United States patent 6,231,857 B1 issued May 15, 2001 and

In the Abstract: delete the Abstract and substitute therefor:

DNA sequences encoding humanized monoclonal antibodies that bind specifically to S. mutans, which is known to cause dental caries in man and other species are disclosed. The humanized monoclonal antibodies of the invention are expected to be capable of eliciting a humoral immune response that will directed toward decay causing bacteria.

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While no fee is believed due for the requested amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 131,241 for the entire pendency of this application. 37 C.F.R. 1.25(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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